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SUBJECT: SECRETARIAL MESSAGE TO PILGRIMS

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS BEEN SENT BY THE SECRETARY TO HUGH BULLOCK, PRESIDENT OF THE PILGRIMS OF THE US, AND IS TO BE READ TO THE SOCIETY AT A DINNER ON TUESDAY, APRIL 2 FOR THE NEW BRITISH AMBASSADOR, SIR PETER RAMSBOTHAM.

2. "A FEW SHORT WEEKS AGO, I HAD THE PLEASURE--AND THE SADNESS--OF SENDING A MESSAGE TO THE PILGRIMS, AS THE SOCIETY HONORED THE DEPARTURE OF A VALUED AND TRUSTED COLLEAGUE, ROWLEY CROMER. TONIGHT MY PLEASURE IS UNALLOYED IN HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEND A MESSAGE OF WELCOME TO LORD CROMER'S DISTINGUISHED SUCCESSOR, SIR PETER RAMSBOTHAM.

"YOUR SOCIETY SYMBOLIZES THE UNIQUE BONDS WHICH UNITE OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THESE CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS, UNMATCHED IN DEPTH AND COMPLEXITY, HAVE ENABLED US OVER THE YEARS TO SHARE THE BURDENS OF BOTH WAR AND PEACE IN A PARTICULARLY HARMONIOUS MANNER. I KNOW THAT SIR PETER IS COMMITTED, AS I AM, TO STRENGTHENING AND DEEPENING THIS SPIRIT OF COOPERATION. OUR TALKS TOGETHER IN LONDON AND WASHINGTON LEAVE NO DOUBT OF THIS FACT.

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"SIR PETER AND HIS CHARMING WIFE, LADY FRANCES, HAVE ALREADY
GAINED OUR FRIENDSHIP, THEY ARE MOST WELCOME, AND I JOIN
YOU IN WISHING THEM EVERY SUCCESS. WE ARE ALL DELIGHTED TO
HAVE THEM AMONG US."

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